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<b>Interview Summary</b>	Application N .	Applicant(s)
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Ula C Ruddock. (3) \_\_\_\_.  
 (2) Allan Wheatcraft. (4) \_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 17 June 2003.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-21.

Identification of prior art discussed: Griffin (US 6,517,919, Effenberger et al. (US 5,357,726), Sahatjian et al. (US 4,943,473).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

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Ula Ruddock

Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant pointed out the main differences between the Griffin reference and the present invention. Griffin's invention is drawn to a filtration bag that is used for liquids. As a result, the article of Griffin cannot be waterproof. Applicant will consider putting claim 3 into claim 1 to positively recite the limitation of a waterproof article. Applicant also pointed out that the fibers of Effenberger et al. are not expanded as required by the present invention in claims 7 and 16..